



# Mishawaka Communicator



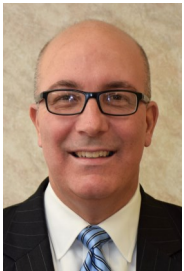
*Working together to build the "Best Hometown in America" by delivering exceptional services, promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life and inspiring pride in our community.*

Dave Wood, Mayor

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## A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



One of the most unrecognized departments in the City of Mishawaka is the Information Technology (IT) Department. It is a City Department we don't think about much until we have a problem. I am not sure if you have ever wondered what role they play in our city, but I can assure you, this Department plays a key role in the operations of the Princess City. While they stay busy handling day-to-day troubleshooting and maintenance, behind the scenes the IT Department is working very hard to bring the city employees the most up to date and secure workplace possible. This includes end-to-end encryption and the segmentation of sites and services, our robust financial

systems, and mission-critical emergency services.

Over the past year, the Mishawaka IT Department has undertaken the largest IT-related project in its history – a replacement and upgrade of the entire networking infrastructure, city-wide. This involves replacing network hardware at every city-owned site around Mishawaka, upgrading existing cabling and endpoint hardware, and ensuring the end of life equipment around the city is replaced with state-of-the-art technology that will see Mishawaka far into the future. Part of the network infrastructure upgrade includes network security features, such as isolation of rogue internet traffic-generating devices and providing end-to-end encryption of all city traffic on our network. This provides additional shielding against some of the malicious malware and crypto-locking issues other cities have experienced all over the country.

The network upgrade also includes enhancing the redundancy of our connections to every city-owned site. In case of a network outage, each site is equipped with a backup connection that should ensure no communication is lost in the event of an emergency. Antivirus and antimalware DNS screening is also implemented, providing additional protection for our city and citizens from malevolent applications, harmful websites, phishing attacks and man-in-the-middle attacks that would aim to take down city services in the name of ransom.

Another one of the larger IT projects in the pipeline is the expansion of controlled access at all city-owned properties. These ingress protections provide access to locations and sites on a need-only basis, increasing the protection of our employees from harm in the event of an emergency where someone has gained access to a building under false pretenses or breaking-and-entering. They continue to expand this technology city-wide, on a site-by-site basis, with the goal of having the entire city under fob-only access.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 11 Veteran's Day  
*City Offices Closed*
- Nov 15 Family Fun Night  
*(Battell Community Center)*
- Nov 30 Holiday Craft Fair  
*(Battell Community Center)*
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving  
*City Offices Closed*
- Nov 30 Santa Arrives
- Dec 7 Winterfest  
*(Merrifield Park)*

### Holiday Fun Night

Toys for Tots and a visit from Saint Nick will kick off the event, where you can donate a new unwrapped toy and get a picture with Santa. Enjoy a performance by **574**

**Theater** followed by the showing of a free holiday movie.

- Date: December 6th
- Cost: Free
- Time: 5:30 pm
- Movie: The Muppet Christmas Carol
- Location: Battell Community Center

## Adults Need Vaccines, Too

*Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System*

Infants and young children aren't the only ones who need vaccination. There are specific recommendations for adolescents, adults and seniors, too.

"Making sure you are up-to-date on your vaccinations is one of the easiest and safest ways to prevent disease at any stage of life," says Dr. Nathaniel Stewart, primary care provider at River Park Family Medicine in South Bend.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend everyone 6 months of age and older get an influenza (flu) vaccine in the fall every year. Thousands of people in the United States die from flu each year, and many more are hospitalized.

### ONLINE ACCESS

- <http://mishawaka.in.gov>
- <http://facebook.com/cityofmishawaka>
- <http://mishawaka.in.gov/communicator>
- <http://mishawaka.in.gov/parksandrecreation>
- <https://twitter.com/MishawakaMayor>
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## A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood *(continued)*

An additional project in the works, is that the IT Department is continuing to expand the camera system that first debuted in the Mishawaka Riverwalk. With many park renovations completed and more to come, cameras continue to be a major focus for Mishawaka as it will continue to expand upon the protection of the city employees and Mishawaka citizens. Central Park, Mary Gibbard Park, Battell Park and Beutter Park are just a few of the areas that are seeing new and expanded coverage. Mishawaka IT strives to build and maintain the best parks system in the area, with safety and security as our top priorities while also protecting the investment from vandalism as much as possible. IT is heavily involved in upgrading and expanding the Riverwalk surveillance systems which includes, but is not limited to, the redundancy of said systems to ensure the safety of the citizens of Mishawaka.

As the City of Mishawaka continues to grow and expand, the IT Department is constantly evolving and keeping up to date with the latest technology. These projects are just a handful of examples of how the Mishawaka IT Department provides world-class IT service to its great citizens and employees.

Yours in Mishawaka,



### MISHAWAKA FALL LEAF PICK-UP PROGRAM

The Mishawaka Fall Leaf Pick-Up Program began on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. As a reminder, **Leaves will be picked up each week the day before a resident's regular trash pick-up day.** For example, if a resident's trash pick-up day is on Wednesday, the Mishawaka Street Department will pick up leaves from that residence on Tuesday. Those with a Monday trash pick-up day will have their leaves picked up on Friday. As in years past, residents can expect at least six passes through their neighborhood during the fall leaf pick-up. This is a successful program that the City of Mishawaka has been able to offer to its residents for over 30 years due to strategic planning and budgeting. It is yet another example of the world-class service that Mishawaka residents are indeed fortunate to receive. Even if we have inclement weather, the Mishawaka Street Department is prepared to provide this weekly service with little or no interruption.

Leaves should be raked to the edge of the curb and should be free of branches, twigs, stones or similar foreign objects which can damage equipment and delay leaf pick-up. Residents are encouraged not to rake leaves into the street immediately after a vacuum unit has passed through an area because the vacuum will not return until the next scheduled pick-up date. Meanwhile, leaves on the curb may clog sewer inlets or blow back into yards or streets.

Leaves may always be bagged and put out with your weekly trash pick-up. Brush may continue to be taken to the Mishawaka Recycling Center, 1105 East Fifth Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday if you are a City of Mishawaka resident.

The leaf collection program will continue through Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Any questions about the program can be answered by calling Street Commissioner Tim Ryan at the Mishawaka Street Dept. 258-1660.

## Adults Need Vaccines, Too *(cont'd)*

### *Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System*

Vaccinations recommended for adolescents:

- Human papillomavirus: the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the U.S.
- Meningococcal: used to prevent meningitis
- Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)

Vaccinations recommended for adults:

- Tdap: every 10 years. Protection against pertussis (whooping cough) is especially important for parents and grandparents, as it is can be fatal for infants.
- Shingles vaccination: from the age of 60
- Pneumococcal pneumonia immunization: from the age of 65

You may also be at risk for other diseases due to your job, lifestyle, travel or health conditions. Talk to your doctor about what vaccines you may need.

To learn more, visit [ThisCounts.org](http://ThisCounts.org).